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where v is the speed of the source. In the limit $v = c$, $f' = f/2$ if the source is receding, and $f' = \infty$ if the source is approaching. Here, for the receding source the pitch of a tone moves down by an octave, while for an approaching source all wave crests arrive at the observer at the same time, producing a sound of infinite pitch which cannot be heard.

At the conclusion of his 1843 paper, Doppler acknowledged that "Olaf Roemer taught us a value for the velocity of light," and that many years thereafter it was a general opinion that "no bodily motion in the heavens could compare in magnitude with that of light." He also stated that "there was Bradley who gave us the aberration phenomenon." Doppler went on to say that "if the orbital speed of the earth (4.7 m/s with 1 mi = 1.6 km) produces an aberration of 20 seconds of arc, why should not a much larger speed cause a change in color and intensity of light." In fact, Doppler does not speak of "a possibility of such large speeds but rather of a necessity."

The verification of Doppler's principle for sound followed soon thereafter when *Bell-Ballot* (1845) placed musicians with excellent pitch perception along the railroad tracks between Utrecht and Maastricht. They estimated for approaches and recessions the pitch of the tone which a horn player produced on-board a moving train. The speed of the train was determined with two chronometers and a marked 100-m distance along the track. Among the astronomers of his time, only Benedetto Sestini from the Collegio Romano believed in Doppler's ideas on the color of stars. Sestini claimed that he had noted color changes in binary stars.

The laboratory demonstration of Doppler's effect for light was, of course, much more difficult than for sound, but it was carried out in the year 1900 by *Belopolsky* (1901). In the following year, *Nicholson* (1901), without calling Doppler's principle in question, suggested that the change in perceived frequency may be caused not only by motion of the source or the observer but also by a rapid alteration in the density of the medium crossed by the light ray.

Controversies

Color of Stars

Two controversies evolved around Doppler's work, which was challenged by *Buyss-Ballot* and *Petzval*. Although *Buyss-Ballot* had verified Doppler's principle for sound, he rejected the application of the principle to explain the color of binary stars on the following grounds:

1. The human eye does not have the sensitivity to color that Doppler believes.
 2. A change in color due to the motion of a star cannot occur because should a part of the red spectrum disappear, ultraviolet reserves would appear; similarly, should a part of the violet spectrum disappear, ultraviolet reserves would appear.
 3. Known velocities of celestial bodies were about 2×10^4 m/s of the velocity of light, too small for the eye to perceive color changes resulting from motion.
- Nevertheless, 7 years later, in 1852, Doppler, not accepting *Buyss-Ballot's* critique of his change-of-color hypothesis, reaffirmed his conviction that the color of stars would be an aid for determining the trajectories of celestial bodies. This conviction was based on his seemingly unchangeable belief that the spectrum is a band of frequencies terminating at the red and violet, so that a receding motion of the source would shift the violet to the blue where the observed spectrum would end (*Andrade*, 1859). It is interesting to note that

the expansion of the universe, when deduced from observations of increasingly remote celestial objects, can give rise to color changes which Doppler originally anticipated for his stars (*Gill*, 1965; *Andrade*, 1859). In spite of this development, *Buyss-Ballot's* objections, which Doppler refuted (*Doppler*, 1846), were correct.

Doppler tied his principle to the longitudinal theory of light waves, assuming an ether, as Huygens did, but with the difference that the ether's individual particles are much finer than those of matter and could not be weighed. Although the transverse theory of light waves had been formulated by Young (*Stowe*, 1959) in 1817, Doppler, while acknowledging in 1842 his success, remarked (*Doppler*, 1845) "that to believe this theory requires a lot of faith." Later, however, Doppler started wondering about whether his principle would be compatible with the transverse theory of light waves (*Lorentz*, 1907). His doubts were dispelled by the *Welpriester* Bolzano (*Hans*, 1904).

Petzval's Challenge

The validity of the Doppler principle was not universally accepted by men of science, the chief antagonist being *Petzval*. *Petzval* was born on January 6, 1807, in Szepes Bela, Hungary, the son of an elementary school teacher. At age 30 he became professor of mathematics and mechanics at the University of Vienna. He made significant contributions to the development of optical lenses for telescopes, microscopes, and binoculars. At one time he was assigned 10 military gunners to help with computations. The entire British Navy was eventually supplied with his binoculars. When thieves stole a large manuscript on optics from his apartment, he retreated to an abandoned monastery. From this domicile he rode daily on an Arabian horse to the university to give his lectures. *Petzval* died in Vienna, an almost forgotten man, on September 17, 1891.

It was shown earlier that according to Doppler, "The received frequency reaches infinity if the observer is at rest and the source moves with the wave speed in the medium." If the source moves faster than the wave speed, the received frequency would be negative. That cannot be, since the medium would be dragged along by the moving source and waves would form in the direction of motion such that the received frequency would have a finite, positive value.

Doppler made the error in believing that his elementary formulas were not approximations but would predict the exact magnitude of the frequency change. He ignored the effect that a moving body has on the state of a physical medium, omitted the medium from his formulas, and considered his equations as representing not only the pure principle but also the physical event. This gave *Petzval* (1852) the opportunity to prove Doppler's formulas to be in error relative to the physical event. *Petzval* went farther, however, and extended his criticism to the principle itself (*Gassner*, 1950).

What was *Petzval's* argument, which surfaced about 10 years after Doppler's presentation in 1842? How was it resolved? Let us first state *Petzval's* law: If a source is located in a medium and all particles constituting the medium have identical velocity vectors and the required continuity condition of the flow is satisfied for all points at rest with respect to the source, then the received frequency equals the transmitted frequency irrespective of the physical properties and state of motion of the medium (*Gassner*, 1950). While Doppler acknowledged and appreciated the value of *Petzval's* law, he rejected the claim for its broad applicability. *Petzval*, in turn, rejected Doppler's principle. He also rejected popular views as providing no cognitive values for sci-

entific understanding and claimed that to discover a principle of nature, one must start from differential equations.

The dispute was resolved conclusively in a series of articles published by *Black* (1880, 1881, 1882). *Black* showed that *Petzval's* rule was valid only when source and observer are at rest with respect to each other. Doppler's principle, on the other hand, applied to any relative motion between source and observer, with *Petzval's* rule being only the special case when that motion is zero.

Modern Applications

Wide applications of the Doppler effect to fields other than astronomy have emerged only since World War II. Pulses of sound are backscattered from turbulence in the air by using a doppler acoustic sonar. The frequency of the radar echo shifts with the speed and direction of the wind. The wind is made "visible" by converting the numerical data into colors. This system has been used at factories to monitor the dispersal of pollutants and at airports to test wake turbulence and wind shear (*Ruby*, 1983). Satellite measurements of atmospheric winds were made by using Bragg scattering of microwaves from centimeter-long surface ocean waves with amplitudes that vary with the wind speed just above the ocean surface (*Hibbs and Wilson*, 1983). Doppler radar observation techniques are now revealing how a tornado is spawned by a thunderstorm (*Stowe*, 1984). The *Mossbauer effect* (*Stowe*, 1968) was used to determine the apparent weight of a photon by allowing gamma rays to fall under gravity (*Parand and Rebka*, 1980). Doppler speeds of the order of 10^3 cm/s between an emitter and absorber of gamma rays were used to reduce resonance absorption while searching for least counts of unabsorbed rays to obtain the wanted quantity.

The Doppler effect is also important in the study of wavelike perturbations in the ionosphere by means of high-frequency transmissions (*Toman*, 1976). As the height of ionospheric layers is constantly changing, the propagation (phase) path varies with time causing frequency shifts. This is illustrated in Figure 1. Over a 24-hour period, signal amplitudes and Doppler frequency variations at two operating frequencies originating from the time station CHU in Ottawa, Canada, were simultaneously received and recorded at a field site in Bedford, Mass., separated from the transmitter by a surface distance of 480 km. Time is read from right to left. The upper record illustrates the signal behavior for a carrier frequency of 7.335 MHz, the lower for 3.33 MHz. In each record the signal amplitude trace in microvolts is shown at the top, while Doppler shift traces associated with time variations of ionospheric phase paths are shown at the bottom. Vertical lines mark the hour, and horizontal lines identify the 0.5-Hz Doppler frequency interval. For 7.335 MHz, a 0.55-Hz Doppler shift corresponds to a speed of 20.44 m/s; for 3.33 MHz, a 0.5-Hz shift corresponds to 45.04 m/s. A relatively stable frequency trace is present for the 3.33-MHz carrier between 0800 and 1600 EST; at about 1630 EST a solar flare effect is identifiable by its doppler signature.

Conclusion

While Doppler's principle had a controversial beginning, the applications to astronomy, radio science, geophysics, navigation, communication, radar detection, meteorology, physics, etc., are impressive and growing. Doppler was the first to postulate changes in perceived frequency due to relative motion between source and observer. Consequently, his contribution links the early findings of Roemer and Bradley with those of Lorentz and Einstein.

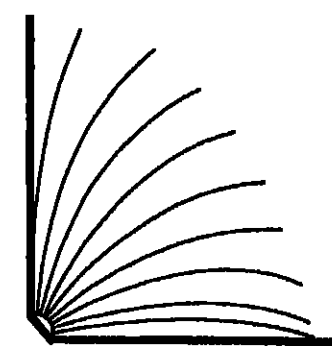
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News

NOAA Satellite Set For Launch

The latest in a series of National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) meteorological satellites is scheduled for launch from Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., on December 1, 1984. High surface winds delayed the launch from the originally scheduled date of November 8. The 1712-kg satellite, the NOAA-F, is to be launched to an altitude of approximately 870 km into a circular near-polar orbit. The satellite is the sixth in the current series of 11 NOAA satellites that collect meteorological readings and transmit the data to ground stations for local weather analysis and forecasting.

The satellite, built by RCA Astro-Electronics, is an advanced TIROS-N (Television and Infrared Observation Satellite) and was built at a cost of \$43.5 million. In addition to equipment for the collection of meteorological data, the spacecraft carries instrumentation that will allow it to pick up emergency transmission signals of downed aircraft and marine vessels in distress to help rescuers locate them. The instrumentation is part of a four-nation program involving the United States, the Soviet Union, Canada, and France.

NOAA-F, which will be called NOAA-9 once in orbit, carries an earth radiation budget experiment that will work in conjunction with the Earth Radiation Budget Satellite (ERBS) that was deployed from the space shuttle in October 1984. Other instruments carried on board the spacecraft include an

advanced very high resolution radiometer (AVHRR) designed to monitor surface temperatures, cloud cover, and vegetation; a solar backscatter ultraviolet spectral radiometer (SBUV/2), which will make measurements of the total ozone concentration in the atmosphere and of the vertical distribution of atmospheric ozone; and an ARCS/ODS data collection system (DCS). The ARCS/ODS will receive data from some 400 platforms—including buoys, free-floating balloons, and remote weather stations—that measure temperature, pressure, and altitude. NOAA-G, the next satellite in the series, is scheduled for launch no earlier than August 1985.

Scientific Instrumentation

The National Science Foundation (NSF), through its College Science Instrumentation Program (CSIP), is now accepting proposals from qualified undergraduate colleges or consortiums for the purchase of laboratory and instructional equipment. CSIP provides matching support from \$5,000 to \$50,000 for acquisition of new state-of-the-art instructional scientific equipment or renovation, replacement, and upgrading of existing equipment. The deadline for submission of proposals is January 11, 1985. All fields of science and engineering are eligible for the grants.

Proposals will be evaluated on the basis of performance competence, intrinsic merit, utility, or relevance of the project, and effect on the infrastructure of science and engineering. Evaluation and processing of proposals will require approximately 6 months. Awards will be announced by June 1985. For further information, contact College Science Instrumentation Program, Directorate for Science and Engineering Education, National Science Foundation, Washington, DC 20550.

NSB Nominations

President Reagan has nominated three members to the National Science Board (NSB), the governing body of the National Science Foundation (NSF). None have been confirmed by Congress. They are Simon Ramo, director of TRW, Inc.; Annellee G. Anderson, a senior research fellow at the Hoover Institution, Stanford University; and K. June Lindstedt-Sira, manager for environmental sciences at Atlantic Richfield Company and a director of the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco. Rita R. Caldwell, vice president for academic affairs and professor of microbiology at the University of Maryland, is the newest NSB member. Five vacancies remain on the board.

Comet Quest

To begin the celebration of the return of Comet Halley, the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D. C., has created a new planetarium show called "Comet Quest." The show explores the recorded history of comets, first studied 24 centuries ago in ancient China, and highlights what has become known as Halley's Comet, which will become visible in late 1985.

Geophysicists

Muawia Barazangi, a senior research associate at Cornell University and a specialist in seismology, has been appointed an adjunct professor and member of the graduate faculty in Cornell's Department of Geological Sciences.

Jerry D. Mahlman has been appointed director of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory in Princeton, N.J. Mahlman has been with NOAA since 1970.

Rosaland B. Mendell of New York University and Josephine Y. Yung of Wayne State University were among 29 female scientists to receive awards under the National Science Foundation (NSF) Visiting Professorships for Women program. Total amount for all 29 awards was \$2.09 million.

William Jason Morgan of Princeton University has been granted the New York Academy of Sciences Award in the Physical and Mathematical Sciences. The presentation of the award will be made at the academy's annual meeting in New York City in December.

Several staff changes at NSF were announced recently. Garrett Brast, of the University of Miami, has been appointed Program Director, Ocean Drilling Program, Division of Ocean Sciences. He succeeds Herman Zimmerman, Richard B. Lambert, Jr. has been appointed Associate Program Director, Ocean Dynamics Program, also in the Division of Ocean Sciences. Clifford A. Jacobs has been appointed Center and Facilities Manager, Division of Atmospheric Sciences. He succeeds Lawrence A. Lee.

Geophysical Events

This is a summary of *SEAN Bulletin*, 9(10), October 31, 1984, a publication of the Smithsonian Institution's Scientific Event Alert Network. The complete bulletin is available in the microfiche edition of *SEAN Bulletin* or as a paper reprint. For the microfiche, order document E84-01 at \$2.50 (U.S.) from AGU Fulfillment, 2000 Florida Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20009. For the paper reprint, order *SEAN Bulletin* (giving volume and issue numbers and issue date) through AGU Fulfillment at the above address; the price is \$3.50 for one copy of each issue number for those who do not have a deposit of each issue number are \$1. Subscriptions to *SEAN Bulletin* are available from AGU Fulfillment at the above address; the price is \$18 for 12 monthly issues mailed to a U.S. address, \$28 if mailed elsewhere, and must be prepaid.

Volcanic Events

- Etna (Italy): As lava production ends, earthquake swarm starts.
- Krafla (Iceland): Satellites detect SO₂-rich plume from September eruption.
- Erebus (Antarctica): Large pumiceous bombs; lava lake frozen and uplifted.
- Bezymianny (Kamchatka, USSR): Ash cloud; pyroclastic flows; part of dome destroyed.
- Mayon (Philippines): Eruptive activity declines, but rains generate lahars.
- Bulusan (Philippines): Volcanic earthquakes and slight inflation.
- Horne Reef (Tonga): Ships steam through pumice SE of Fiji.
- Rabaul (New Britain): Large earthquake swarm accompanied by rapid uplift.
- Bagua (Solomon Islands): Lava flow continues; earthquake swarm.
- Balbi (Solomon Islands): Boiling mud, active fumaroles, and solfataras.
- Lokoru (Solomon Islands): Solfataras active on dome and flank.
- Aso (Japan): Block and ash ejection from fumarole.
- Kinikiki Seamount (Izu Islands, Japan): Discarded water after 3 months of quiet.
- Kilauea (Hawaii): Phase 2b: Shortest of 1983-1984 eruption.
- Mouni St. Helens (Washington): Deformation, seismicity, and gas emission low.
- Ol Doinyo Lengai (Tanzania): Fumarolic activity.
- Atmospheric Effects: Lidar data from Italy and Germany.
- Bezymianny Volcano, Kamchatka Peninsula, USSR (50.07°N, 160.72°E): The quoted material is a report from G. Ye. Bogoyavlenskaya and P. I. Tokarev.
- "Activity at Bezymianny increased from late September through mid-October. On September 4, small surface earthquakes began to be recorded at a seismic station 13 km from the volcano. By October 8, the number of recorded events was 300 per day. On October 9, ash ejections became frequent and rockfalls occurred from the dome. On October 13-14, the eruption entered its main phase. Volcanic tremor began, and an eruption column rose to 5 km height. Several explosions destroyed the E portion of the summit dome. Pyroclastic flows descended along two routes, the larger more than 8 km long. Ashfall occurred to the ENE. The ash layer 16 km NE of the volcano was 2 kg per m². Weak activity followed, and by October 19 the eruption was over."

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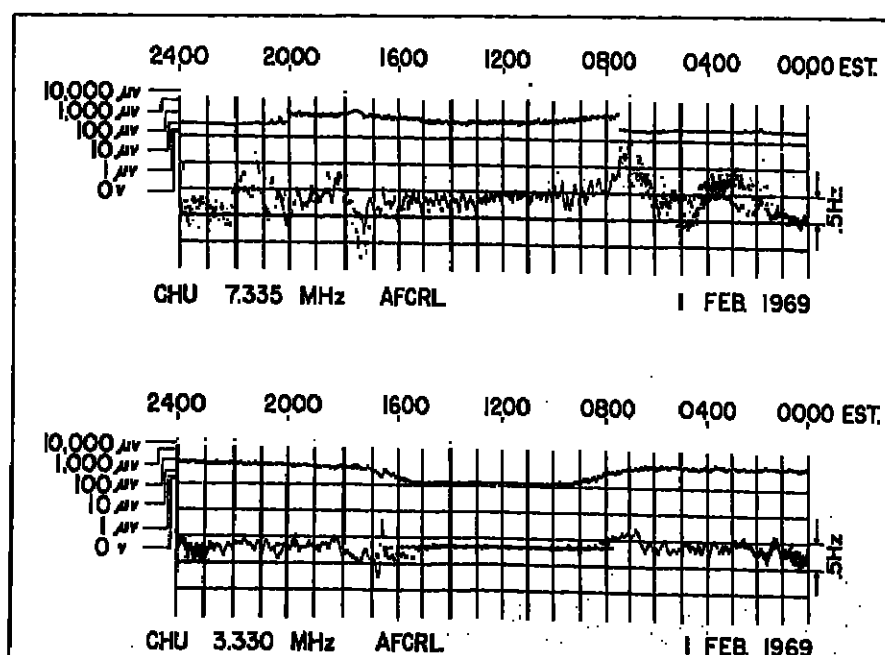


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